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Sporty "Car Bed" For Youngsters

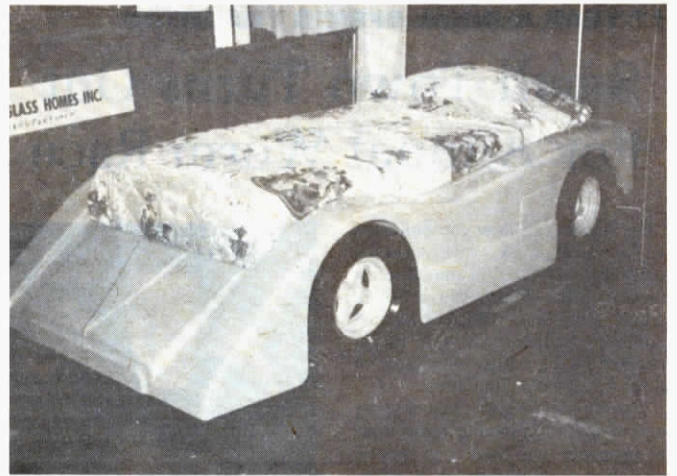
If you'd like to surprise a youngster with something "hot, new and different" for his or her bedroom, how about a new fiberglass "Car Bed" from Concept Fiberglass Homes.

Available in a wide variety of colors, it takes a standard single bed mattress and box spring. Entire car body is supported off the floor by the 8½-in. wide non-turning wheels which are flat on the bottom. The car

itself weighs 100 lbs. and is 98 in. long, 55 in. wide and 22 in. high at the sides.

Sells for \$494, not including box spring and mattress.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Concept Fiberglass Homes Inc., Box 1633, U.S. Army Ammo Plant, Grand Island, Neb. 68801 (ph 308 381-1965).



IDENTICAL SCALE MODELS

Minnesotan Builds Mini-Houses, Churches

By John Doppler

When Nanton Raw, Pelican Rapids, Minn. retired about 8 years ago, he looked for something to keep busy. After several years of building furniture, he finally hit on the idea of building mini houses and churches which he'd seen and admired.

One of the first replicas he built was an exact copy of a small country church just down the road from his home. The scale model is complete with pews, pulpit and electric lights. From that, he has gone on to building many different houses and churches, but he particularly likes the southern mansion-style plantation. He even goes so far as to finish them off inside with stairways and furnishings.

People come to look and often end up buying his buildings. "I've ship-

ped them as far as California and a lot of them to Minneapolis," he says.

One which he is particularly proud of is a replica of a church built in Norway in the 1600s. A company built a mate to it and shipped it to Paris for exhibition. Nanton saw a picture of the church and built his own replica, complete with pews, pulpit, stained glass windows and other furnishings. He added one thing the original probably didn't have—electricity. The edifice now sits in his living room, and also graces the cover of a recent farm supply company's catalogue.

Most of his structures average about 3 ft. wide, 3 ft. high, and a couple feet long. He uses wood for all his buildings along with tiny nails



Nanton Raw's mini-buildings are authentic in every detail.

and "a lot of glue". Basswood seems to work best for the small structures.

As far as tools, he says it doesn't take anything special. "I've got a little bit of everything," he laughs. "That's about what it takes."

After suffering a heart attack several years ago, his doctor told him to

keep active, but not to overdo it. "This hobby has filled in ideally," says Nanton.

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"GREAT FOR HUNTING COONS"

Big Demand For Jumping Mules

Business is booming for Dave Coleman, of Lone Rock, Wis., who trains mules to jump fences for fun, and for hunting raccoons.

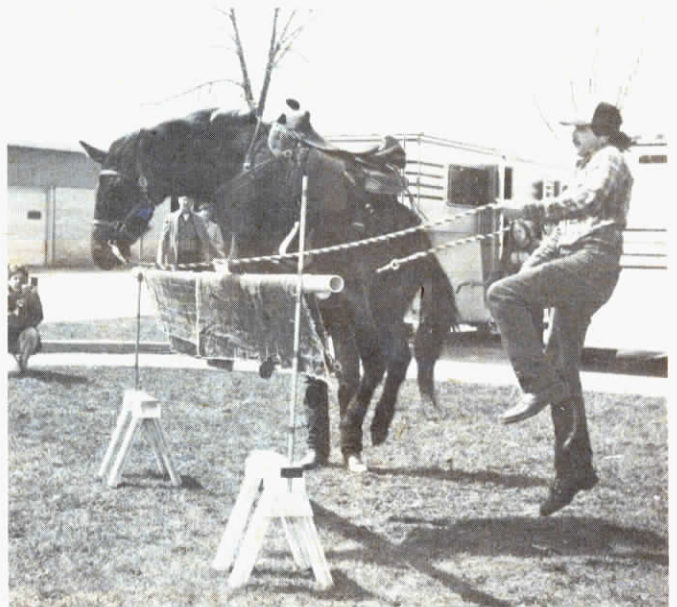
"I've been selling them faster than I can train them," says Coleman who got into the unusual sideline by accident.

"I hurt my leg in a mishap and couldn't follow coon dogs on foot any more. Just when I figured my hunting days were over, I learned of a fellow in Arkansas that raises and trains mules as jumpers. I drove down to visit him and his jumping mules. I decided then and there that this was for me. I bought a mule, took it home and trained it myself to jump, following directions the Arkansas trainer had given me."

Coleman keeps two trained mules for his own hunting pleasure. They eagerly jump into the back of his pickup, along with his coon dogs. During the hunt when he comes to a fence, he dismounts, puts a tarp over the top barbed wire, then watches as the mules jump over.

Mules he trains and sells are purchased at 2 to 4 yrs. of age in Arkansas. "They're trained to ride when I get them. I train them to jump, then sell them to buyers, most of whom are into coon hunting.

"I find that mules 2 ft. taller than mine can't jump as high," says Coleman who loves to enter his mules in local jumping contests. "My mules have jumped higher than 54 in."



Coleman lays a tarp over fences when coon hunting so mules can see the wire.